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Republican victory sweet for Poly student

By Dawn Pillsbury
Daily Staff Writer

Most Cal Poly students will feel the effects of the new Republican majority in one way or another, but a few will feel it more strongly than most.

Agriculture business junior Wendy Jones' father, Bill Jones, will be sworn in today as California's Secretary of State.

"He was in the Assembly since I was in second grade, that would be 12 years," she said. "It's always been really normal. Ever since I could remember he spent half the week in Sacramento."

"This is a little more of a

shock."

She said she shares her father's Republican philosophy and helped out during his summer campaign.

"It was just an incredible victory. Nobody expected it to come out this well."

Wendy Jones

Cal Poly student whose father becomes secretary of state today

"I passed out some literature and went to some fundraisers, dinners and barbecues all sum-

mer," Jones said.

Jones said she is excited about the upcoming political term.

"It was an incredible victory," Jones said. "Nobody expected it to come out this well. There'll be cuts in government, but I'm not too sure about the statewide budget. It will be as big a battle as it ever has been."

Jones' father authored the "Three Strikes" bill that passed the Assembly. The bill, which tightens sentencing for repeat offenders, won wide-spread support in the Nov. 8 elections.

Jones said the Polly Klaas tragedy — often considered the

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Public Safety leaves the lights on for late-night studiers

By Karen E. Spaeder
Daily Staff Writer

In response to complaints about lack of after-dark lighting in various far-off parking lots on campus, Public Safety approved extended hours of lighting beginning this quarter.

In the past, all parking lots have remained lit through the hours of darkness except lots H-12, H-14, H-16, located behind the Campus Store; and a small section of H-2, behind the Food Processing building.

These lots, which were dark after approximately 10:30 p.m., will now remain lighted until midnight using parking funds, according to Cindy Campbell, parking and commuter services

administrator.

"It was definitely wanted by the students," Campbell said. "We're real excited about it."

Campus officials have previously taken the stance that these lots are relatively unused after dark.

While Campbell agrees that most students do not use these lots after dark, she pointed to the handful of students who do use the lots, such as late-night library-goers.

"We think (the lighting) is worth the money," Campbell explained.

Several students agreed the extended hours will help quell students' fears as they return to

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Singing in the 'Rain'



The aptly named band Rain on Jade, including Julie Taylor (left) and Brian Morrison, took advantage of sunnier skies yesterday to play a set in the U.U. Plaza / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Flooded So. Cal begins cleanup

By Niki Kapsambelis
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Overburdened storm drains triggered most of the flooding that submerged cars and swamped homes as Southern California was pounded by a storm this week, authorities said Thursday.

"It was too much water, too fast," said Jean Granucci, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, overseer of a web of flood control channels. "It proves time and again, the power of water, and I think some of the people who were in their cars would agree to that."

Malibu and Altadena, beneath fire-scarred mountainsides, avoided major damage in Wednesday's storm, but low-lying homes and streets were deluged.

Three deaths and 10 injuries were linked to the storm, which left more than six inches of rain in some areas.

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U.U. reopens after closure caused hassles for many

By Garrett M. Mettler
Daily Staff Writer

The University Union, closed Wednesday because of waste water flooding, reopened Thursday morning while state plumbers continued working to clear a clogged sewer line.

Repairs to the pipe were completed at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, allowing U.U. restrooms to reopen, said Phil Philbin, ASI facility operations supervisor. Backstage Pizza and Julian's were closed Wednesday and Thursday because of the broken pipe. Both were scheduled to reopen this morning, Philbin said.

The water usage needs of those locations would have reflooded the ground floor without a clear pipeline, Philbin explained.

He said the blockage, initially believed to be the result of storm-related debris, was caused instead by tree roots which had grown inside the line.

Maintenance personnel worked until 7:30 p.m. Wednes-

The blockage, initially believed to be the result of storm-related debris, was caused instead by tree roots which had grown inside the line. Maintenance personnel worked until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday clearing standing water.

day clearing standing water and sanitizing the affected areas, Philbin said. The flooding did not cause any damage.

While the flooding was a major headache for Philbin and other building personnel, it was also an inconvenience for students who were evacuated from the building.

Mathematics junior Julie Workman was in the Escape

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Russians ignore promise to stop bombing Chechnya

By Maxim Korzhov
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — Russian fighter jets swooped over Grozny on Thursday and bombed the presidential palace, ignoring Boris Yeltsin's promise to halt air attacks on the ruined capital of rebellious Chechnya.

Warplanes also reportedly made bombing runs outside Grozny and heavy shelling pounded outlying villages as Moscow continued its fight to reassert control over the mostly Muslim, oil-rich southern republic.

The palace in the center of Grozny was hit by at least one rocket, touching off a fire in the upper stories of the tall concrete building, said Western journalists who witnessed the attack.

Only the basement and first floor of the palace were occupied — by Chechen defenders and wounded from both sides. Witnesses said there appeared to be no casualties. Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev was reportedly in a bunker elsewhere in the city.

It was the third air strike of the day on Grozny. Comparatively, however, Thursday's attacks

were light, perhaps hampered by the fog that blanketed the city.

Rocket and gun fire rattled the railway station, but clashes were far less intense than in recent days.

Chechen fighters strolled freely through central Grozny on the sixth day of Russia's bungled offensive to take the city and quash the republic's 3-year-old independence drive.

Yeltsin's promise on Wednesday to stop the bombing was his second of the Chechen campaign — and the second to be followed by air strikes the next day. Last time, warplanes destroyed much of downtown Grozny, including an orphanage.

Yeltsin ordered the bombing halt in the face of growing

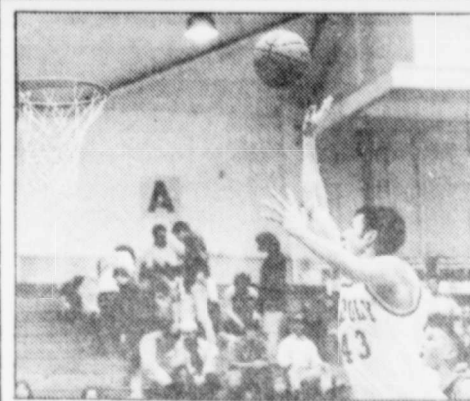
criticism at home and abroad of his heavy-handed offensive.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians and fighters have been killed or wounded in the 3-week-old invasion. The Red Cross estimates 350,000 people are now refugees.

The war grew even uglier after Russia failed to take the capital in a New Year's Eve tank assault and was humiliated by

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50 school days remaining in winter quarter.

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Christmas Tree Disposal

If you cut down your own Christmas tree this year in San Luis Obispo County, the County Department of Agriculture says it is necessary to follow special disposal instructions.

Special disposal is necessary to prevent the spread of Pine Pitch Cancer, a tree disease that is destroying pine trees on the Central Coast.

To dispose of trees cut at local Christmas tree farms:

- Cut up the tree and place it in a sealed plastic bag.
- Put the bag with your regular trash.

For more information, call Rick Landon at 781-5910.

TODAY

Auditions for Theatre and Dance Production • Auditions for "Endgame" are from 7 to 11 p.m. today and tomorrow in room 212 of the H.P. Davidson Music Center at Cal Poly. Faculty member and director Michael Malkin is looking for three men and one woman or two women and two men to fill the roles. — 756-1465

THIS WEEKEND

League of Women Voters Meeting • Jan 7. District Board Meeting Room, San Luis Obispo High School Campus, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. — 543-2220

ONGOING

Volunteers for Voices for Children • The organization needs volunteers for its Supervised Visitation Center. The center will be used by families whose children are dependents of the Juvenile Court as the result of abuse or neglect. — 541-6542

Agenda Items: c/o Cindy Webb, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

Shuttle offers safe option for drivers

Monica Phillips
Daily Staff Writer

This past New Year's Eve, 42 people in San Luis Obispo did not drink and drive due to a new program offered throughout the city.

The holiday was the kickoff for the Safe Ride Home Program (SRHP). The program is a shuttle service that provides rides for San Luis Obispo residents who need a safe ride home. The program is designed to offer an alternative to drinking and driving, according to Tom Fulks, regional ride share coordinator.

The shuttle service operates Thursday through Saturday from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. and costs \$4 per

ride. People can call the program within those hours for a ride within the city limits.

Although the program is designed for people who have

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Steve Darcy
CHP Public Affairs Officer

been drinking, people with car problems also can use the service.

"We're being realistic," Fulks

said. "Before people would say, don't drink and drive—period. Now we're saying if you're going to drink, instead of driving, use the SRHP. We want them to get home safely and stay off the road."

The program was coupled with an effort by the San Luis Obispo County California Highway Patrol to clamp down on drunk driving during the holiday season.

"Alcohol-related arrests have gone up in the age group of 16 to 21," said Public Affairs Officer Steve Darcy. From Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, Darcy said, San Luis Obispo County had one Driving Under the In-

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LIGHTS: Public Safety gives nod for extended lighting in parking lots

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their vehicles at night.

"The lights should be on as long as the library is open," said liberal studies senior Cynthia Fitch.

"It's a good idea with the parking lots," she added.

Others commented that while the extended hours will be helpful, they would like to see more lighting around various buildings at night as well.

Education graduate student Debbie Hauschild, who attends night classes, was pleased with the extended hours. However, she mentioned, "When I leave those (night) classes, it's very dark. More light would be great."

Many students concurred that the extended lighting hours will be helpful, but that several buildings appear just as ominous

as a dark parking structure.

"I used to walk in the dark around the Business building," said journalism senior Cecilia Hastings. "You still have the potential to be attacked."

She added, however, "It's nice to know that (Public Safety officials) care about our safety."

From a business standpoint, the extended hours were not considered cost effective, since lighting is only needed at night, and a limited number of students use the lots after dark.

But Campbell said extending the hours of lighting "seemed like a very good way to promote safety. (We looked at) the human aspect."

In the past three years, there have been only two documented incidents of assaults after dark on Cal Poly's campus, said Cal

Poly Police Chief Tom Mitchell.

One of these incidents involved a fist fight between a vehicle-owner and an individual attempting to burglarize the vehicle, Mitchell said.

"There may have been a perception that the lighting was unsafe, but the numbers sure don't back that up," Mitchell said.

Public Safety hopes the lighting will reduce car thefts, which comprise the bulk of campus crime incidents.

"My guess is it probably (will not)," Mitchell said.

Within the last three years, 423 thefts occurred on campus. Mitchell guessed about half of those involved car thefts.

"We have a very safe campus when it comes to crimes against people ... so I sleep pretty safe at night," Mitchell said.

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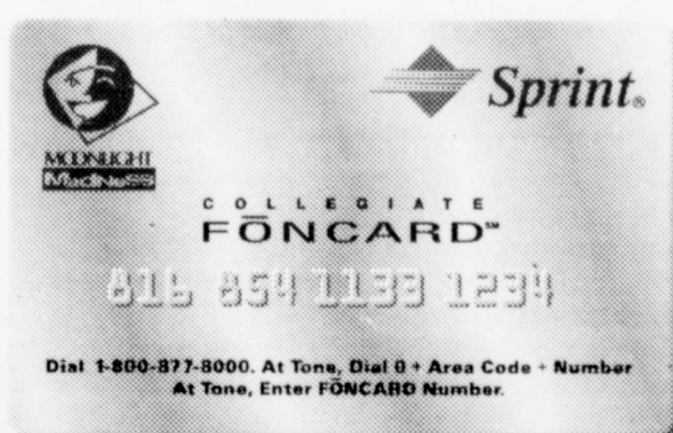
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LETTERS

Mormons Accept Everyone

re: "The Solution to America's Racial Crisis"

I felt compelled to respond to Dawn Sievers' article concerning the racial problem in America. I think it's fantastic that Dawn participated in activities that help to bridge the gap between blacks and whites, and most of what she had to say I agreed with. However, what concerned me was an erroneous statement she made with respect to Mormons.

I happen to be a Mormon, as my family has been since my great-grandparents emigrated to this country with the desire to exercise their religious beliefs freely. In all my experience with fellow Mormons and the years with the church, I have never heard of blacks being referred to as devils, nor have I ever heard anything that could be construed as being racial or discriminatory in any way.

From my experience with the church, Mormons accept everyone into their church—people of color, people with disabilities, even people with other religious beliefs. Perhaps you and your African-American friend can attend a Sunday meeting and see for yourself. You will find that 99.9 percent of the "weird" things you hear about Mormons is completely untrue.

One more note—if you are so involved with Christianity, you should know that the Mormon religion is a Christian religion! It's great not to engage in racial discrimination, but perhaps you should try not to discriminate against other religions as well.

Jennifer Whitby
Business administration senior

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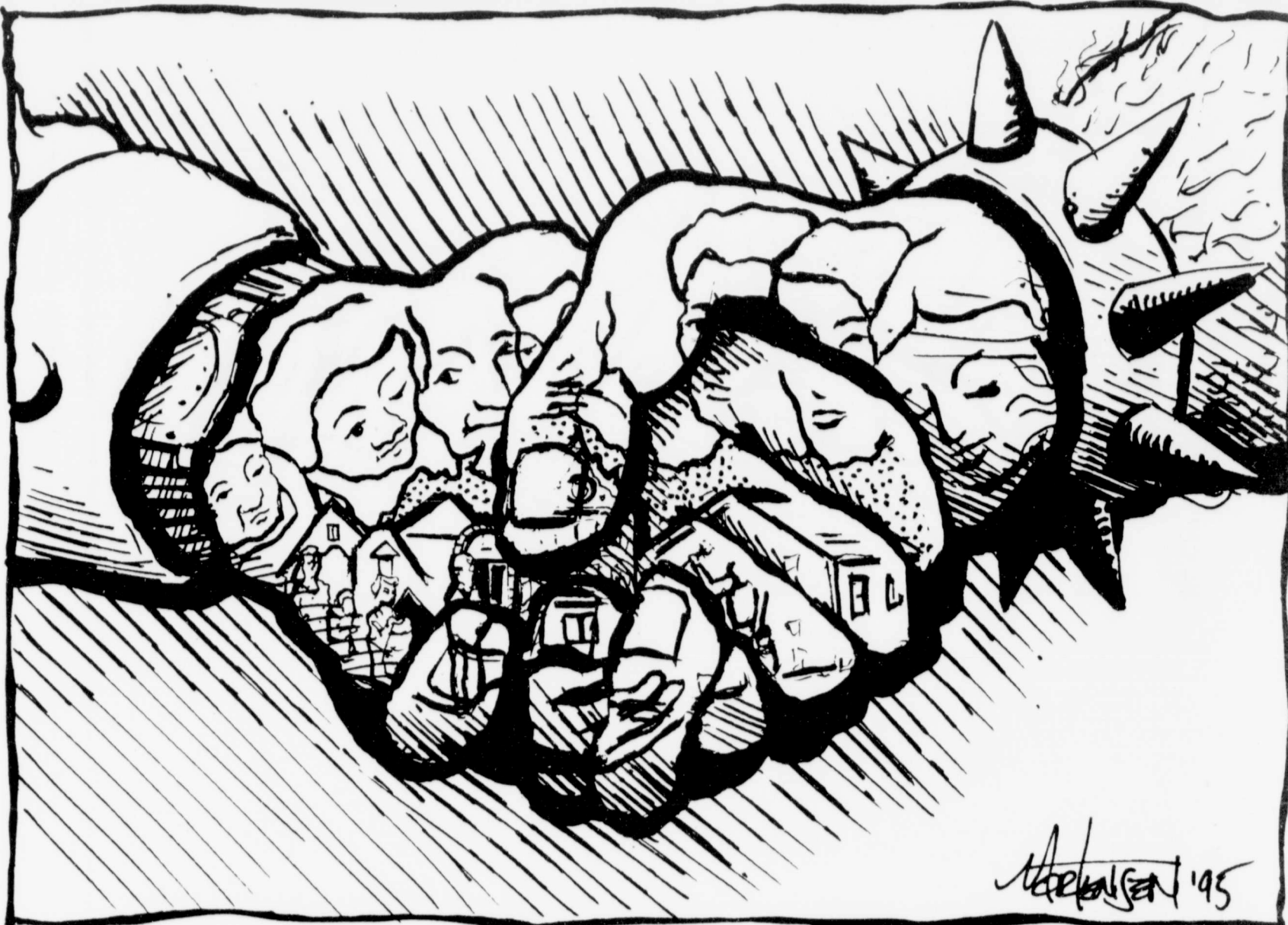
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COMMENTARY



Murals Bring Communities Together

By Pedro Arroyo

When I first came to the United States at the age of ten, I was astounded by the beauty and size of Los Angeles. The other aspect of the city that I was fascinated with was the numerous murals that covered the walls of my community. There were different murals with different themes. Some displayed religious images like the Virgen de Guadalupe. Others were narrative histories of the people who have lived in East Los Angeles.

At that young age themes didn't really matter to me. But colors, shapes and figures did. I particularly recall the first Chicano mural that I saw when I first came to Los Angeles. It was a colorful mural that showed a proud Chicano couple with their young children. The image remains as vivid in my mind as it does on the wall in which it was originally painted to this day.

As I got older I realized that murals have served a very important role in my community.

As I got older I realized that murals have served a very important role in my community. Murals told the history and culture of my community. Murals also kept our walls clean and free from graffiti. It made East Los Angeles look beautiful.

Murals also brought many people together. The painting of a mural usually involved a large number of volunteers to paint and work on the project. In East Los Angeles, gang members from rival gangs have been known to come together to work on murals without there ever being any problems.

Murals in East L.A. are also important because muralism is an art form that no one owns. Murals are painted for the community. This concept would be a driving force of the Chicano muralism movement of the 1970s.

Many of the murals that were painted in my community were done by a group of artists known as the East Los Angeles Streetscapers (ELS). The group was founded by Wayne Alaniz Healy and David Rivas Botello in 1975. They are recognized as one of the founders of the Chicano Mural Movement in Los Angeles.

The main focus of the work of the ELS has been to produce public art for the people who will see it the most. Their work covers over 25 walls in the City of Los Angeles and in the surroundings. In East Los Angeles they created a mural titled "El Corrido de Boyle Heights" (The Ballad of Boyle Heights). The mural depicts the lifestyle and culture of the Mexican and Chicano people who live in the area. It shows images of low riders, food and musicians who live and work around the area where the mural is painted. In Culver City, they created a mural titled "Moonscapes." The mural is dedicated to the aerospace workers in the area. Their most recent project will soon be seen in the City of San Jose.

Several months ago I discovered that the ELS had finally made their way to the Central Coast. They were

commissioned by the County of Santa Barbara in 1993 to paint a mural based on the people and history of the Santa Maria Valley. The mural is painted on a special fiberglass mesh material that is durable and weather resistant. It enables the ELS to transport a mural of this type anywhere at a relatively cheap cost. The Santa Maria mural was painted in the studio of the ELS and installed on the Betteravia Social Services building.

The mural is titled "Santa Maria's Spectrum" and it is a representation of the various cultures that have shaped the city and its environment. In the mural we see Chumash Native people who have populated the area for a long period of time. We also see a Chumash rock painter creating art. The Spanish and Mexican influence on the area is included. The ELS also have incorporated the western expansion of European-Americans from the East Coast to California. We also see some modern images about the economy in this area. Agriculture, which has long been an economic force in this valley, is also represented. Healy, a former Hughes aerospace engineer decided to include an image of a rocket-booster as it re-enters the atmosphere. This image represents Vandenberg Air Force Base and its industry. You will have to see the rest of the mural yourself.

"Santa Maria's Spectrum" is a terrific and monumental project. It rises over four stories high and it includes just about any color that you can imagine. It is done in the tradition of the ELS. But most importantly it is a project that has been long overdue. This is one of the few public art projects in the Central Coast. It is my hope that this mural will help to bring people together in this area that has often been divided over racial and economic lines. It is also my hope that this project will encourage others to paint more murals around the city.

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Cal Poly and the City of San Luis Obispo could benefit from a public art project of this type. As far as I know, there is none in the area. I have heard discussions and rumors on campus that a mural might be painted, but I have not seen anything concrete yet. This might well be a job for the East Los Angeles Streetscapers. But no matter who paints the mural, I hope that it is done soon and with the support of the community and university. Who knows—it might help to further improve relations between students of color and the university.

A multi-cultural mural would also serve as a great educational tool for all on this campus. Most importantly, it is my hope that it will help to bring people together. If a mural has been able to bring rival gang members together, it might also do the same for students, staff and faculty.

Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior.

REPUBLICAN: Cal Poly conservatives pleased with victory

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catalyst for the "Three Strikes" legislation — did not strike as close to home as the Reynolds' case.

"Mike Reynolds' daughter was murdered in downtown Fresno by a man who had a lot of prior convictions," she said. "She was a girl my age. It made me support (the legislation) even more."

Jones said it also hits home because she lives in northwest Fresno.

Other Cal Poly students are also pleased with the Republican victory.

Crop science senior Kristina Truskunas, a member of the College Republican club, said that the club members helped in several campaigns.

"We're all very excited," she said. "(The new Republican members) are taking control and they seem to have a lot of spunk."

Truskunas said that club members, 30 or 40 active members, did call-a-thons and passed out literature for Gov. Pete Wilson, Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand, and State Assemblyman Tom Bordanaro.

"We supported the whole California ballot, and they fared very well," Truskunas said.

She said the new political atmosphere will encourage more people to get involved.

"We're all very excited. (The new Republican members) are taking control and they seem to have a lot of spunk."

Kristina Truskunas
Crop science senior

"They'll help with the budget, foreign policies and Pete Wilson's illegal aliens initiative," she said, referring to Proposition 187, the initiative that pledges to deny basic health and education services to illegal immigrants.

Philosophy professor Laurence Houlgate said that the recent Republican sweep in Congress — both state and national — will directly affect Cal Poly and other state universities.

Houlgate is the former ad-

viser for the Young Democrats, a Cal Poly club.

"I think it will have an adverse effect on Cal Poly," Houlgate said. "I think we're in for less support. I think students should expect to pay higher fees. That is, if the Republicans get their way."

While Houlgate agreed it's hard to foresee what will happen in the future, he said the future looks grim for the middle class.

"I think it is going to hurt the middle class," Houlgate said, adding that poor students may still get some financial aid.

Houlgate said that the only thing students can do if they are unhappy with the changes the new Republican majority makes is to vote.

"We would not have Seastrand in Congress if more students had voted," Houlgate said, referring to the race for the 22nd Congressional District seat against Walter Capps.

"You've got to get out there and vote," Houlgate said.

• *Daily Assistant Managing Editor Cynthia L. Webb contributed to this report.*

CHECHNYA: 100 dead in civilian bombings

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outgunned but spirited Chechen defenders, who drove the Russian troops from the center of the city.

Russian warplanes dropped cluster bombs packed with shrapnel on several villages.

In Shali, 16 miles from Grozny, they bombed a roadside market Tuesday, then struck again as people were helping the wounded. An hour later, they hit the maternity ward of the local hospital. Estimates of the death toll in Shali ranged as high as 100 dead with scores more wounded.

Russia's human rights commissioner, Sergei Kovalyov, arrived in Moscow from Grozny on Thursday accusing his government of "ruthless" and "massive" human rights violations.

Kovalyov, a member of parliament, was scheduled to meet with Yeltsin on Friday. "I want to look the president in the eye and ask him ... if he really understands what is happening," Kovalyov said.

Another prominent lawmaker, Communist Party leader Genady Zyuganov, called Thursday

for early presidential elections to dump Yeltsin, and the lower house of parliament, the Duma, was gearing up for an emergency session on the Chechen crisis.

Yeltsin is also under intense criticism from foreign governments.

In an interview Thursday with Voice of America, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the Russian president has been right to try to suppress armed insurrection in Chechnya, but his military assault has escalated out of his control.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said he called Yeltsin on Wednesday and pressed for an end to the bloodshed. "I am deeply concerned at the level of violence," said Kohl, who has warm ties with the Russian leader.

A lone Russian fighter jet made one raid on Grozny shortly after midnight when the bombing halt was supposed to take effect and another Thursday morning, said Timur Tsuroyev, a Chechen fighter at rebel headquarters on Grozny's southern edge.

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McCurry new White House press secretary

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taking on a new spokesman as he tries to revitalize his presidency, President Clinton appointed veteran Democratic operative Michael McCurry as White House press secretary today, praising his ability to handle "sensitive, complicated and difficult issues."

McCurry, who has been serving as chief State Department spokesman, replaces Dee Dee Myers, who resigned at the end of the year.

Clinton said McCurry had "done a very fine job representing our administration at the

Department of State since I took office. He has dealt with a wide range of very sensitive, complicated and difficult issues and he has done it very well."

McCurry, 40, immediately displayed his characteristic good humor in accepting the job and said he hopes to "have some fun around here" while representing the president well and meeting reporters' needs.

He said that in his conversations with White House staff and reporters, "I don't detect a high degree of happiness. ... Working here ought to be a joyful experience and not endless drudgery."

SAFE: Price tag cheaper than DUI citation

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—fluence (DUI) arrest, 11 injury accidents, 31 traffic collisions and 270 arrests.

Darcy added that Safe Ride Home is a great program to help deter people from driving drunk.

The program is a private non-profit venture that is funded mostly by corporate sponsors. Some sponsors include GTE Mobilnet and K-Bear Radio.

If the SRHP receives more funding, it may offer longer hours of operation, according to program organizers.

Darcy said the \$4 price tag is a small cost when compared to the price of a DUI ticket or accident.

Local hotels and restaurants also may pay \$150 for a year membership which entitles them to 15 free shuttle vouchers per month for their patrons. Madonna Inn, SLO Brew, Frog and Peach and Mustang Tavern have already paid for memberships.

Individuals can buy a membership for \$15 per year. Clubs and organizations with more than 50 members may join for \$4 per member for one year.

Mark Shaffer, the director of Ride-On Transportation Management Association said his organization is targeting Cal Poly and Cuesta students for group membership to the program.

Cal Poly used to have a similar program called the free Topsy Taxi service, but the program was canceled last winter because the service was being abused, according to Toni Torres, ASI Board of Directors special projects co-chair. He said many were using the service to get rides from party to party.

Torres said he wants to help ASI combine funding from the old Topsy Taxi program to support the new SRHP. ASI has

\$1,800 leftover from the Topsy Taxi budget, he said.

"(ASI) needs to figure out what's the best use for the money," Torres said.

But Torres said the board of directors would have to approve Safe Ride Home as a coded program in order to be involved. Approval depends on factors including available funds and liability. Torres said he hopes the program will get the go-ahead by May.

"If Cal Poly students are supporting the program, I want to make sure Cal Poly students are using the program," Torres said.

Agribusiness junior Kan Bath said he would definitely use the program instead of driving home after drinking.

Officer Darcy said this attitude also has been mirrored by Cal Poly fraternities.

"(The fraternities) called me and asked me to come out and talk about the whole issue (of drunk driving)," Darcy said.

Darcy reiterated that the cost of a DUI is high.

The minimal cost for a first-time offense DUI is \$1,600, two days in jail, a suspended license for four months and mandatory DUI school which costs \$450 for four months. Any attorney fees are extra if you decide to go to court, Darcy said.

New drunk driving and traffic safety laws are aimed at reducing the number of DUIs, he said. New laws, which went into effect Jan. 1, put tougher penalties on drunk drivers. One law specifies that anyone under 21, with a blood alcohol level of .01 or higher, will automatically lose his or her driving privilege for one year.

Reno vows to fight illegal immigration

By Amanda Covarrubias
Associated Press

CALEXICO — U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno visited this desert valley in the far southeastern corner of California on Thursday, promising to continue the fight against illegal immigration.

In the latest stop on a tour along the Southwest border, Reno inspected a new \$4 million border crossing scheduled to open in July and met privately with local officials.

Although Reno has visited San Diego several times to announce developments in Operation Gatekeeper, the three-month-old border crackdown, this was her first stop in the Imperial Valley, 60 miles west of Yuma, Ariz., and 100 miles east of San Diego.

Operation Gatekeeper's additional agents and equipment are expected to push more illegal immigrants east into this valley, and into Arizona and Texas. Il-

legal immigrant arrests in San Diego, the primary focus of Gatekeeper, have fallen 32 percent in the last three months over the same period the previous year.

"It may well be that what we do in San Diego may have an effect on the El Centro sector, and we must be and we will be prepared throughout our efforts along the border to respond as the need arises," Reno said.

Reno had announced Wednesday that 200 new Border Patrol agents will be assigned this year to California, but Calexico will not get any of the new personnel. They will all go to San Diego.

Instead, 10 of those who have previously done desk work in Calexico will be assigned to the field, said Johnny Williams, chief agent in Calexico.

Also, of the 102 new U.S. Customs Service inspectors coming to California, 65 will be assigned to San Diego, with an unspecified number going to Calexico.

County supervisor's secretary shot in heart with arrow

Associated Press

SANTA ANA — The executive secretary of a new Orange County supervisor was killed in the foyer of her home by an arrow shot through the heart, authorities said after an autopsy.

Arlene Michele Hoffman, a recently hired aide to Supervisor Jim Silva, bled to death Friday on the floor of her Laguna Niguel home, Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Dan Martini said Wednesday. She was 57.

Detectives declined to discuss the investigation. They asked

anyone with information about the killing to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The arrow had been removed from Hoffman's body. Neither it nor the bow was found. There were no signs of burglary or sexual assault.

"The weapon could range from a simple bow to a more sophisticated trigger-action crossbow," Martini said in a prepared statement. An autopsy found wounds to her aorta and other organs.

One source told the Los Angeles Times that the arrow

Reno said that new technology, including automated fingerprinting and computer processing of illegal immigrants, also will be added here.

"This is the best attention the federal government has given to the area," Williams said.

The El Centro sector covers 22 miles of international border with 220 agents. It apprehended 30,000 illegal immigrants last year, Williams said.

Reno's Southwestern tour comes as the Mexican peso tries to rebound from a 30 percent decline in value against the dollar, which some observers predict will give Mexicans a greater incentive to cross the border illegally this winter.

"I don't think we've seen an increase in the immediate days, but I think what this points out is that economic problems, crime problems and migration problems are international in scope, and that Mexico is our ally along the border," Reno said.

entered her chest at a downward angle, suggesting she may have been ambushed from the stairway at her condo entrance.

Friends described Hoffman as a sophisticate with a varied job background, mostly in consulting and politics. From 1962 to 1970, she worked for industrialist Norton Simon, starting as a secretary and working up to special projects, including his failed run for the U.S. Senate.

Her husband died in March after a long battle with lung cancer.

FLOODING: Students couldn't get checks

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Route when the decision to close the building was made.

"We were asked to leave because there was sewer water on the ground," she said.

The closure caused more serious problems for students trying to get their financial aid checks, which were being disbursed in Chumash Auditorium.

Dairy science senior Casey Hogg said he tried to get his check twice Wednesday afternoon but found the building closed.

"I went to the financial aid window in the Administration Building but the window was down," he said. "I think they should have had an alternative (location) right away."

Hogg said he needed the money to purchase his textbooks.

Landscape architecture junior Augustina Escutia also was frustrated when he couldn't get

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Casey Hogg
Dairy science senior

his check.

"(The closure) added more stress," he said. "The rent was due on the first and I have to get my books."

CLEANUP

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Damage continued after the rain passed.

A 40-foot section of a second-story entryway to an Inglewood apartment complex collapsed Thursday when an earthquake-damaged storm drain let water gush into the wall that supported it, said fire Capt. Buzz Swarts. There were no injuries. Firefighters evacuated about 35 people.

Los Angeles County health officials closed five miles of beach along south Santa Monica Bay because the rainfall shut down an El Segundo sewage plant, diverting 100,000 gallons of sewage into the ocean. A 1 million-gallon sewage spill from Terminal Island closed Cabrillo Beach in Los Angeles Harbor.

But Thursday's sunny skies helped dry out the region, which was due for another storm late Friday or early Saturday.

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Testaverde seeks revenge against Steelers

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are as eager as anyone to see the new, improved Vinny Testaverde — the confident Vinny, the interception-free Vinny, the big-play Vinny.

Wasn't it just three weeks ago he was the tentative, unconfident Vinny, who gazed fretfully upon the Steelers' defense with the timid look of a deer frozen in the headlights?

The Steelers have spent a restless, apprehensive week uncertain which Cleveland quarterback they'll see Saturday in the first Browns-Steelers playoff game in the Rust Belt rivalry's 45-year history.

Just when they thought they knew everything about Testaverde, he shreds the conventional wisdom about his inability to deliver under pressure, taking apart the New England Patriots in Cleveland's 20-13 wild-card victory.

Not only did the same quarterback who threw six critical interceptions in the Browns' two regular-season losses to Pittsburgh play virtually mistake-

free, he completed 20 of 30 passes for 268 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions. He also kept several drives alive with five carries for 20 yards.

In Pittsburgh, it was like, OK, so where was the real Vinny?

"There were a lot of people out there who didn't think our quarterback could do it," Browns coach Bill Belichick said.

"Vinny went out and proved everybody wrong," offensive coordinator Steve Crosby said.

Still, it'll take more than one big game to convince the Steelers' defense that it doesn't own Vinny's number.

Defensive end Ray Seals recalls Testaverde would break the huddle on second-and-long, see the Steelers stacked up eight-across along the line of scrimmage and get that wish-I-were-anywhere-but-here look.

"You can look in a guy's eyes and just see it," Seals said. "We've got calls where we bring people from everywhere. The quarterback thinks we're probably bringing them out of the concession stands. Right then and there you wonder, 'Can he handle it? Can he handle all of those

seven guys lined up? Can he handle Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd coming at the same time? You see guys coming up to the line and they're worried.'"

Seals saw that look when the Steelers intercepted Testaverde four times on Sept. 11 in Cleveland, when they picked off two passes last month. He didn't see it Sunday, and that concerns him.

"He was a totally different player," said Seals, Testaverde's close friend when the two were Tampa Bay teammates. "He's more confident now, more confident than he's ever been before. I always thought he was a good quarterback in Tampa, but he never got much pass protection there. He was miserable in Tampa, wanting to get out and play for a good team."

Testaverde found one, but he didn't exactly endear himself to the Dawg Pound by unseating the revered Bernie Kosar. He's still not quite won the fans over, and he'll be playing as much Saturday to silence the disquieted voices of Cleveland as he will the jackhammer-loud fans of Pittsburgh.

Jets fire Carroll, hire former Eagles coach

By Hal Beck
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The New York Jets today fired coach Pete Carroll after one season and replaced him with recently fired Philadelphia Eagles coach Rich Kotite.

Kotite, a Jets assistant coach before he joined the Eagles, was given a three-year contract. Financial terms were not released.

"It's a dream come true," Kotite said at a news conference at the Jets practice facility at Hofstra. "I'm able to come back to the Jets' family. I always felt a part of it."

Carroll's dismissal came two days short of a year after he was hired to replace the fired Bruce Coslet.

Carroll, the team's former defensive coordinator, replaced Coslet after the team went 8-8 and failed to make the playoffs in 1993. The Jets went 6-10 in his one season, losing their final five games.

Today's move was the third coaching change since Dick Steinberg took over as general manager in December, 1989, but team owner Leon Hess said the decision to fire Carroll was his alone.

The 80-year-old Hess, in one of his rare public appearances, said he decided to pursue Kotite shortly after the Eagles dismissed him. Kotite was fired at 2 p.m. Dec. 26, and four hours later, Hess contacted him.

"It wasn't in my hands," Steinberg said of Carroll's

surprising release. "This was totally Mr. Hess' decision. He informed me when it was time to know."

"The owner owns the team. He calls the shots. I can no longer expect to take care of the day-by-day business of the football team."

Hess said he informed Carroll of the decision Wednesday night during a meeting of the team's hierarchy.

"Pete was shocked," Hess said. "He's a great, high-principled man. He didn't expect it. It was a decision I made and I told him in person."

Hess said he decided a change needed to be made with about three or four games remaining in the season.

American West Standings

	Men's Basketball			
	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Southern Utah	0	0	5	4
Cal St. Northridge	0	0	2	7
Sacramento State	0	0	2	9
Cal Poly	0	0	0	11

Tuesday

Cal State Northridge at Pepperdine
Cal State Sacramento at Butler
Southern Utah at Weber State

Wednesday

Idaho State at Cal Poly

Thursday

Sacramento State at Loyola-Chicago, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Portland at Cal Poly, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cal State Northridge, 7 p.m.
Southern Utah at Idaho State, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Gonzaga at Sacramento State, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

	Conference			
	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Southern Utah	0	0	7	7
Cal Poly	0	0	3	9
Sacramento State	0	0	2	11
Cal St. Northridge	0	0	0	11

Monday

Idaho 75, Cal Poly 60

Tuesday

Fordham at Sacramento State

Wednesday

Loyola Marymount at Cal St. Northridge

Thursday

Fresno State at Cal Poly, 7:30 p.m.
USF at Sacramento State, 7 p.m.

Friday

Southern Utah at Idaho, 7 p.m.
Sacramento State at Oral Roberts, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

USD at Cal St. Northridge, 3 p.m.
Santa Clara at Sac. State, 7 p.m.
Southern Utah at Portland, 7p.m.

Sunday

USD at Cal Poly, 4p.m.

BASKETBALL

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victory for the Bengals. Tucker said the team wasn't focused during the second half.

"I don't think it was the case of running out of gas," Tucker said. "I think the guys didn't come out focused like they did in the first half. We needed to come out in the second half strong, but it just didn't happen."

But Beason said the team suffered from fatigue during the second half that led to mental mistakes. The Mustangs were led by forward Damien Levesque who finished the game with 13 points, but fouled out with two minutes left in the game.

Although Idaho State soundly defeated Cal Poly, Bengals' Head Coach Herb Williams said he was not completely satisfied with his team's overall performance.

"I was upset the way we played (in the first half)," Williams said. "We didn't do the things we worked on in practice. We just sorta ho-hummed. We have a tendency to play in a ho-hum fashion."

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and Ray Miller and Leon Jones of Youngstown State, 1994 Division I-AA champions.

EXTRA POINT: Senior forward Susanne Carey was named America West Conference player for the week ending Dec. 31. Carey scored 18 points while pulling down eight rebounds in a 79-42 loss to Montana Dec. 29. The following night Carey had 20 points and 13 rebounds in a 72-57 victory over Northeast Louisiana.

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Poly remains winless, falls to ISU, 87-55

Franco Castaldini
Special to the Daily

The start of 1995 could have been a new beginning for the Cal Poly men's basketball team, but once again the game ended as another loss—12th in a row for the Mustangs.

The Idaho State Bengals (8-2) came to Mott Gym last Wednesday night and left with a 87-55 victory and keep the Mustangs winless yet again.

It was a game of mistakes mainly committed by the Mustangs (0-12) that gave the Bengals the easy victory. The Mustangs committed 23 turnovers and 27 fouls — most of them in the second half.

Head Coach Steve Beason acknowledged his team's lackluster performance in the second half, but said his team played better for a longer period of time.

Forward Bucky Tucker, who finished the game with 10 points and five rebounds, also felt the team took a step forward.

"(The game) showed everybody we can come out and play with these teams," Tucker said.

The Mustangs hung with the Bengals for most of the first half, battling against the much larger Idaho State team.

Jim Potter, a 6-foot-9-inch, 230-pound forward, joined forward Donell Morgan to lead the Bengals. Potter finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds and Morgan finished with a season high 30 points.

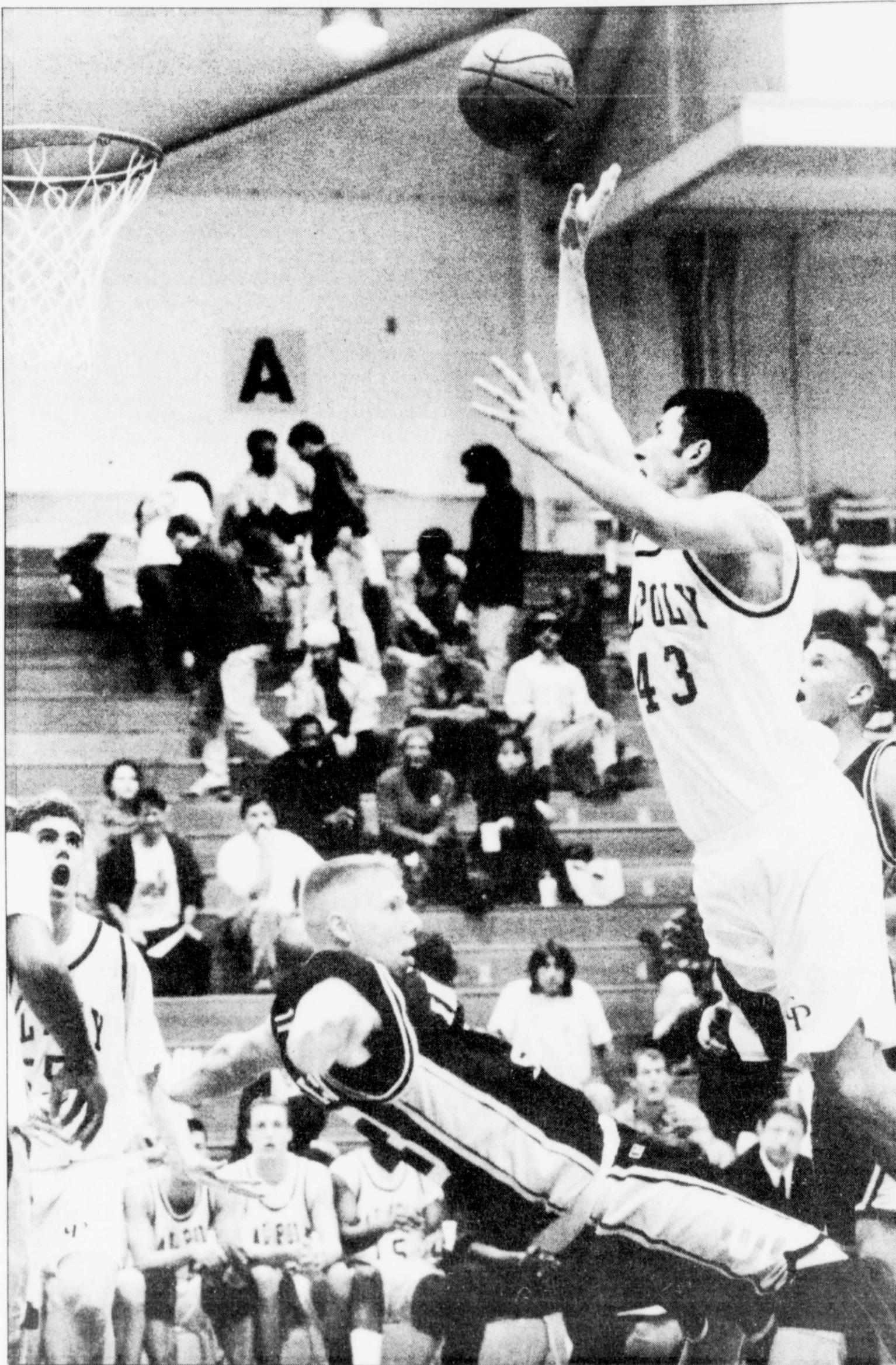
"Potter and myself tried to keep it going. I think we kind of held the lead in first half," Morgan said.

According to Tucker, the Mustangs came out flat in the second half. Idaho State took advantage of the situation and went on a 9-0 run, increasing its lead to 18 points.

The Mustangs bounced back from the Idaho State run, but the Bengals did not back down.

The Mustangs came out flat once again and were barraged with a 28-9 run that sealed the

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Cal Poly sophomore forward Damien Levesque goes through an Idaho State opponent on his way to the basket / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Cal Poly to face No. 7 Oklahoma

By Nathan Abler
Daily Staff Writer

Seventh-ranked Oklahoma University (2-0-1) rolls into Cal Poly tonight, as they face their second Big Eight team in a row.

Cal Poly (4-1, 2-0 in Pac-10) is coming off a tough 24-15 loss to now 8th ranked Nebraska on Dec. 17. Cal Poly lost in the last match of the meet. The Mustangs had reeled off four wins in a row before losing to the Cornhuskers.

"Oklahoma is one of the toughest teams we face, head-to-head," said 167-pound senior Neal Mason (11-2 overall, 5-0 in duals). "We did well against Nebraska, so we can give Oklahoma a run for their money."

Oklahoma leads the overall series 17-3-1, winning last year, 24-15, but Cal Poly won decisively in 1991, 27-7.

Cal Poly wrestling coach Lennis Cowell said important matchups will be the 118, 150, 158, 167 and 190-pound classes. "I think we have a good shot (to win). We have the kids capable to do it."

Mason agreed with Cowell saying that those matches could bring them a victory over the highly touted Sooners.

"If we can win those (weight classes), we can win the match," Mason said.

One key match will be Oklahoma's Justin Breeden and Cal Poly's Tyson Rondeau (7-2, 1-1), in the 118-pound class. Breeden has a first place, two seconds and a third, in his last four tournaments.

Rondeau, who won his match in the 118-pound weight class last year, said that Breeden's wrestling doesn't scare him. "I still plan on getting a win," he said. "It will set a tone (for the match)."

Pac-10 adversary University of Oregon (0-1) will be at Cal Poly on Saturday afternoon. The Ducks are ranked 26th after losing to third-ranked Oregon St. Dec. 16.

Both matches are in Mott Gym. The Oklahoma match is scheduled to begin at 7:30 and the Oregon match is scheduled for tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Cal Poly basketball posts worst record in Division I

Cal Poly's men's basketball team, which continues to struggle in their inaugural Division I season, remains winless in their first 12 games. An 0-12 record gives the Mustangs the worst record of the 302 Division I teams. After losing both their games in the MetLife classic at University of San Francisco, an 85-49 loss to LaSalle Dec. 2 and a 63-45 loss to Louisiana Tech the following day, the Mustangs faced Pac-10 powerhouse Stanford in Palo Alto and were out-matched, falling 94-52.

The losing streak continued through the rest of the month with losses to Portland (82-43), Arizona State (98-43), UCSB (83-50), Montana (103-54), and Eastern Washington (92-40).

Wednesday the Mustangs dropped their 12th straight with a loss at home to Idaho State 87-55.

Senior center Chris Ott leads the team in scoring with 9.1 points per game. Sophomore forward Damien Levesque leads the

team in rebounding with 4.8 rebounds per game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Following Cal Poly's first Division I win, a 82-81 victory over Memphis Dec. 3, the Mustangs lost to Pepperdine Dec. 10, 76-55, before playing their first home game Dec. 12 against Cal St. San Bernardino in which they won 72-67. The Mustangs dropped their next four on the road before ending the skid with a 72-57 victory over Northeast Louisiana on Dec. 30. Monday the Mustangs lost their 10th game when they fell to Idaho 75-60. Senior guard Christine Rodness leads the team in scoring with 12.5 points per game. Junior center Sherron Lee leads the team in rebounding with 7.1 rebounds per game.

ANOTHER LOSS: Junior David Sternlight, a transfer from the University of New Mexico, voluntarily quit the men's basketball team following Cal Poly's 94-52 loss to Stanford Dec. 10.

Sternlight, who didn't become eligible to play until the Stanford game, scored six points and had five rebounds in 16 minutes in his only game for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly has already lost senior Leo Williams, who was ruled academically ineligible

CAL POLY NOTEBOOK by Ajoy Bhambani

prior to the season. Sophomore point guard Shanta Cotright is also ineligible to play while the NCAA continues to look into whether classes he took last summer at a junior college in Las Vegas are transferable.

FOOTBALL RECRUITS: Seven new football recruits signed letters of intent before the Dec. 27 deadline for college transfers. Two of them are transfers from Stanford, including Sean Cavanaugh a 6-3, 275-pound defensive end and Ryan Turner a 6-6, 270-pound defen-

sive tackle. Head Coach Andre Patterson said he is hoping they can come in and start on the defensive line, an area Patterson said he hopes to improve. With his five starting offensive lineman graduating, Patterson signed three offensive linemen: Nate Tuffanelli, a 6-5, 285-pound offensive lineman from Chabot College in Hayward; Aaron Wilson, a 6-4 270-pound lineman from the University of New Mexico and Donald Henze, a 6-3 270-pound transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College.

While the signing period has ended for college transfers, the deadline to sign recruits coming out of high school is Feb. 8. Patterson said of the 12 more players he is hoping to sign is his primary interest is with finding defensive backs, the weakest area of the Mustangs defense.

"We're still looking at defensive backs, maybe two more receivers and one more running back," Patterson said.

BASEBALL SIGNEES: Baseball Head Coach Ritch Price signed four recruits from his former team at DeAnza College in Cupertino. They include Matt Bailey, a catcher; Matt Jeckell and Chad Snowden, both pitchers; and Taber Maier, a shortstop.

Also signing with the Mustangs was Richard Campbell, a pitcher from Merced Junior College and Oscar Hirschhorn, a pitcher from Kings River Junior College. The lone high school recruit is Keven Mohr, a pitcher from Valley Christian High School in Cerritos.

ACCOLADES: Seniors Lloyd Tiffany and Marty Cano were named to the All Division I-AA team. Cano, the 6-4, 280-pound offensive lineman, was named the center while Cano was named a defensive lineman on the team. The team includes highly-touted NFL prospect Steve McNair of Alcorn State

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Over the top



Cal Poly nearly upset Portland Saturday night, but fell 73-71 in the final seconds. Portland senior forward Canaan Chatman aired one out over Mustangs senior guard David Dineen en route to the win. See story, page 8 / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Holidays put wrinkle in finals schedule; exams on Saturday

By Justine Frederiksen
Daily Staff Writer

A confusing final exam schedule added to the tension of the first week of classes, leaving Cal Poly students wondering whether finals would shorten their spring break.

When the winter schedule of classes went on sale last October, the final exam schedule included was inaccurate, according to students and administrators.

An introduction to the exam schedule notes, correctly, that finals will be held from Tuesday, March 14 through Saturday, March 18.

But in the schedule that follows, none of the days have been corrected. For example, a final exam that will now be held on Saturday is still listed as Friday in the schedule.

And Saturday finals means shorter vacations for students and faculty alike.

Some students, busy buying books and trying to add classes, now face problems with already-

scheduled spring break plans and conflicting schedules.

"I have a wedding to go to on that Saturday," said architecture freshman Sandra Vallejo. Vallejo said she felt the printing of an incorrect schedule was irresponsible.

Business administration

"It would be difficult if I did (have a Saturday final) because I work every Saturday."

Lisa Quan

Business administration senior

senior Lisa Quan said having a Saturday final would be inconvenient.

"It would be difficult if I did (have a Saturday final) because I work every Saturday," Quan said.

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Russians try new tactics, continue bombing Grozny

By Thomas Ginsberg
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — Trying new tactics in their assault on Chechnya's capital, Russian forces Sunday unleashed systematic rocket and mortar fire, pounding the city with up to a dozen shells a minute.

They were trying to scatter Chechen fighters defending the presidential palace and prepare the way for Russian ground troops to move in.

But the strategy seemed only partially successful against outgunned but spirited defenders, who have been able to sneak around to counterattack from behind.

"We have no problem destroying any armored vehicles they send into the city," said 29-year-old fighter Lyomo. Sayatov, taking a rest in a bomb shelter. "We have enough ammunition to fight to the end!"

Under the constant drumming

of explosions, small truckloads of rebels raced toward central Grozny carrying rebels who shouted, "Allah Akbar" — God is Great. Every 10 minutes or so, a truck would return with the wounded.

The past two days of fighting evidently had taken their toll on the hardy Chechen fighters — there was no singing and dancing as before and there were few smiles. But the fighters insisted nothing could pry them from Grozny.

Sunday was the ninth day of the Russian ground attack on Grozny, capital of the breakaway southern republic. Several thousand people have been killed and wounded since Russian troops went into Chechnya on Dec. 11, and the Red Cross estimates 350,000 people are refugees.

The vicious pounding continued two days after President Boris Yeltsin demanded to know

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Gray skies, rain to remain in area throughout week

Daily Staff Report

San Luis Obispo residents may need to keep their umbrellas and rain shoes handy this week as the rain will continue to pour over the county, according to National Weather Service Meteorologist Tom Evans.

Rain is expected to fall through Wednesday afternoon, Evans said.

The storm, which began on Friday, traveled south from Washington. The low-pressure added to a buildup of clouds that soon spread into California, Evans said.

While Northern California has been saturated with rain, See **WEATHER**, page 3

New member adds swing vote to City Council

Amy Rasbach
Daily Staff Writer

While most Cal Poly students were enjoying their winter break, San Luis Obispo's City Council was busy electing a new councilmember.

Kathleen Smith, co-owner of the Garden Street Inn and a San Luis Obispo resident, was unanimously voted to the council on Dec. 13 to fill the seat left vacant by newly-elected Mayor Allen Settle.

Smith, 55, has been involved in the community since her arrival here five years ago from Orange County.

She has been active in the city's Chamber of Commerce, the See **COUNCIL**, page 3



SMITH with "Mozart"

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Some important dates to remember for winter quarter:

- Jan. 13 — Last day to sign up for Jan. 21 Writing Proficiency Exam
- Jan. 16 — Academic Holiday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 17 — Last day to drop a class (7 p.m.)
- Jan. 18 — Last day to: register for winter quarter and pay fees; add a class; submit a petition to audit a course; and withdraw from the term or reduce units to qualify for reduced registration fees.

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Awareness group to discuss men's concerns

By Karen E. Spaeder
Daily Staff Writer

Men searching for answers about their role in society can turn to a new group at Cal Poly designed to cater to such questions.

Psychological Services is responding to an increasing need for men to express concerns and alleviate stress through a new Men's Awareness Group, scheduled to begin Jan. 17 in the Counseling Center.

Steven Kane, an intern at Psychological Services, worked with Psychological Services Counselor Joe Diaz to develop the men's group.

Kane said one theme to be discussed in the meeting is the women's movement.

"The women's movement has an impact on men," Kane said. "There has been a lot of talk about the men's movement."

"We're trying to balance our lives without selling ourselves to corporations. (The Men's Awareness Group) is a good, fun way to do it."

Steven Kane
Psychological Services intern

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Diaz added that the group will discuss "relationships and responsibilities of being in the working world."

Similar men's groups have been initiated in the past at Cal Poly but failed due to low membership, according to Diaz.

"We've tried to run men's groups before," Diaz said. "Maybe this time men can take a closer look at themselves in a group setting."

Kane said he feels these groups were unsuccessful because men are not socially encouraged to express emotions. However, he said he is optimistic about the Men's Awareness Group in light of the higher rate of inquiries by males.

Meetings will be offered exclusively to men, with topics to include sexuality, stress, the men's movement, societal issues and others.

"Other men may have other issues to discuss," Kane added.

According to Kane, group discussions will be informal and relaxed.

"The group is meant to be light and fun, rather than

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FINALS: New exam schedule confuses, angers students and teachers

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Most students do appreciate the additional holidays, but it is for this reason that final exams were delayed, according to university administrators.

"The state requires a certain number of instruction days for each quarter," said Bonnie Long, administrative assistant for the vice-president of academic affairs. "Winter quarter is always difficult because you have so many Monday holidays."

Long said Presidents' Day and Martin Luther King, coupled with the additional Jan. 2 holiday, made it hard to find room for enough instruction

days. The only way the administration could fit instruction days in was to push back finals one day. The Monday of finals week, March 13, will be a day of regular instruction.

University Class Scheduler Debbie Arseneau confirmed that the amount of holidays this quarter caused the awkward scheduling, but she said this won't be the last time Cal Poly will see Saturday finals.

"Winter quarter next year will be the same way," Arseneau said.

Arseneau explained the schedule will not be reprinted, but that the revised finals

schedule was distributed to the faculty by the deans of each department. Faculty members are supposed to announce the changes in their classes, she said.

For various reasons, many students and faculty are still unaware of the changes. One instructor did not receive the revised schedule until Thursday, and sympathizes with students who have Saturday finals.

"I feel bad for people who have to be here on Saturday," said Tess Grimes, computer science instructor and graduate student. "It's not what students expect going into the quarter."

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Storms keep hammering Northern California

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Sopping wet Sonoma County declared a state of emergency Sunday and began evacuating residents along the Russian River ahead of expected flood waters.

The river was forecast to crest five feet above its 32-foot flood level around midnight in Guerneville and neighboring communities, according to the National Weather Service.

The flooding came during a string of blustery winter rain storms that have pounded Northern California with heavy rain and gale-force winds, saturating the soil. The storms are forecast to continue this week.

"Everybody's in a panic," said Misty Saunders, who works at King's Bait and Tackle in Guerneville. "The river is looking really high and is rising. And we've been told that the rain we have gotten has not even reached

the river yet."

She said the store remained open, but employees were packing up in anticipation of leaving in the evening.

Andy Dalton said her Guerneville Fiye & Ten was out of batteries as residents stocked up on supplies.

But she noted that longtime residents were less concerned. In the 1986 flooding that inundated downtown, the river rose to 46 feet, she said.

"This will only affect the people who get flooded every time we have a storm," she said.

County emergency official Richard Anderson said his office doesn't yet know how many people will be leaving their homes. Shelters were opening in Guerneville, Forestville and Sebastopol.

He emphasized that people living near streams and tributaries that feed into the

Russian River were in as much danger as residents along the river banks.

Officials in neighboring Napa County were also keeping a wary eye on the Napa River, which was expected to crest near flood levels.

Some low-lying streets are already under water in Guerneville, Santa Rosa, Geyserville and Petaluma.

Jan Null, lead forecaster with the Weather Service, said her agency and the U.S. Geological Survey have issued mudslide warnings for Napa, Sonoma and Marin counties.

To the north, Redding forecasters issued a small stream flood warning for the northern Sacramento Valley and surrounding foothills and the lower elevations of Trinity and Siskiyou counties.

WEATHER: Another storm to hit this weekend

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the Central Coast has also received more rain than normal. Since Friday, the storm has dumped three inches of rain on San Luis Obispo.

"This is a lot more rain than usual," Evans said. "We are in the rainy season, but the (amount of rain) is a lot higher."

The average precipitation for January in San Luis Obispo is 5.01 inches, and as of Jan. 9, the National Weather Service recorded 6.5 inches of rain.

"Most people are happy to get rain," Evans said.

Another storm front is expected to hit San Luis Obispo County this weekend.

CHECHNYA: Yeltsin's authority questioned

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why the city was being bombed despite his orders to halt. Government statements in Moscow have differed sharply from reality in Chechnya, leaving the impression that Russia's commander-in-chief is not fully in control.

Yeltsin sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya, a mostly Muslim region of 1.2 million people, in a bid to reassert Moscow's control.

Russian reinforcements continued to arrive Sunday. About 10 light tanks accompanied by more than 30 trucks carrying troops and ammunition rumbled in from the southwest.

Russian forces also launched sporadic air attacks on outlying villages and ridges, where Chechen fighters have deployed in recent weeks to conduct a guerrilla war.

Russian troops in Grozny were positioned roughly in an arc running from northwest to northeast of the prized presidential palace, in central Freedom

Square.

Tank and paratroop units were trying to move in from the east near the central market and the west from the railway station in a bid to encircle the palace.

The multi-story building has taken several direct hits and has been gutted by fire on its top floors, but rebels still held the palace on Sunday.

The heaviest attack came from long-range rockets, artillery and mortar fire. Small craters, burned-out rocket nose cones, contorted steel and a sea of smashed glass marked the site of a missile attack on Grozny's main bus station just west of the city center.

The fighting has started to drive even the stalwart remaining residents from Grozny, once home to 400,000 people. Rebels pushed an elderly woman in a wheelbarrow from the city center. A family with belongings packed into a baby carriage filed along a road south of Grozny, with no idea where they'd go.

COUNCIL: Position a 'golden opportunity' for Smith

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Promotional Coordinating Committee and the Mozart Festival. Smith also has worked with the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre and the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council.

Smith, who was born in Massachusetts, has been active in politics for at least 20 years and has assisted in congressional races.

Smith also holds two master's degrees in public administration and public relations. In addition, she has worked as a newspaper reporter and a public relations executive.

Smith said running for the open council seat was a "golden opportunity."

"I deal with mostly out-of-town people and have not had the benefits of running a business that deals with local residents," Smith said.

Because of this, she said, winning a public election without

local name recognition would have been difficult.

Smith said she will occupy what has been called the "swing seat." This means she will be expected to vote middle-of-the-road, and both for and against city growth.

"There are more areas of agreement than projected by the average person," Smith said. "The (public) perception is that there are two pro-growth and two no-growth seats, but it's not that defined."

"The council members don't fit into the cubbyholes that people like to place them in. Life is not black and white, it is various shades of gray."

According to Settle, Smith will bring an excellent perspective to the council.

"She is associated with marketing and tourism and balances both environmental and economic concerns," Settle said.

Settle said he was most im-

pressed by Smith's knowledge of the business community and marketing for tourists. Settle also praised her media background and participation on the city's promotional committee.

The interview process for the new councilmember consisted of reviewing all 20 applicants. The council then circled their top-five choices. The names appearing on three lists were to be debated by the council.

Smith's name appeared on the lists of Settle and councilmembers Bill Roalman and Dodie Williams. Smith was the only one whose name appeared on three lists, and she unanimously was voted in.

"I want to maintain the quality of life and the environment, with reasonable growth in the business community, along with the impact of higher wage rates for people living in the city," she said.

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Matt Monpas

Disillusioned With Cal Poly

The glossy Cal Poly brochure made lots of tall promises: good times, fair weather, a beautiful location, and of course a quality education that would guide him to a good career.

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With the end of high school on the horizon and the threat of getting trapped in the empty future of his home town, Randy applied to Cal Poly. According to his knowledge of how the world operated, there was no other route to success. He had to get an education.

But there was more to it than that. Randy had to leave his home town. High school had dumped him at the on-ramp to a dead end road, setting him free with nothing better than a high school diploma—like a token gift for completing a set of classes.

Nevertheless, Cal Poly accepted the young man.

At first, Randy felt privileged to attend Cal Poly. He felt like a valued customer.

Everyone gave him a warm welcome, including the fun-loving folks at public safety who enthusiastically awarded him three parking citations the first week.

And for a while, Randy enjoyed high times and social success. He met new people, attended parties, and quaffed lots of beer.

But after Randy exhausted these initial pleasures, his attitude toward the university system began to change. Instead of feeling like a privileged, hard working, ambitious young person, he began to feel like a faceless customer with a social security number.

Everyone wanted his money, including but not limited to the following organizations: the university, the university, the university, and also the university. They littered Randy's mailbox with little white envelopes, which politely reminded him that he owed Cal Poly approximately \$866,000, payable to the State Cashier's office.

The university demanded money for everything and had a tendency to short change Randy and his fellow students. For instance, they charged him \$504 a month for 81 square feet of dorm space, and 14 meals a week. His meal plan offered food that was somewhat-less-than-good, in the sense that some of it had the taste and texture of chemical waste.

But as a reward for paying his bills, Randy was allowed access to CAPTURE, which was an irritating phone registration system that constantly informed him that there wasn't a remote chance in hell that he'd get the classes he needed.

Not to be defeated by a machine, Randy decided to take the physical approach to class registration, meaning that he attempted to "crash" the courses he needed. He pushed and shoved through crowds, battling to find a seat in an overcrowded classroom.

The young man began to have second thoughts about Cal Poly. "There must be something better," he imagined, borrowing a lyric from the Eagles.

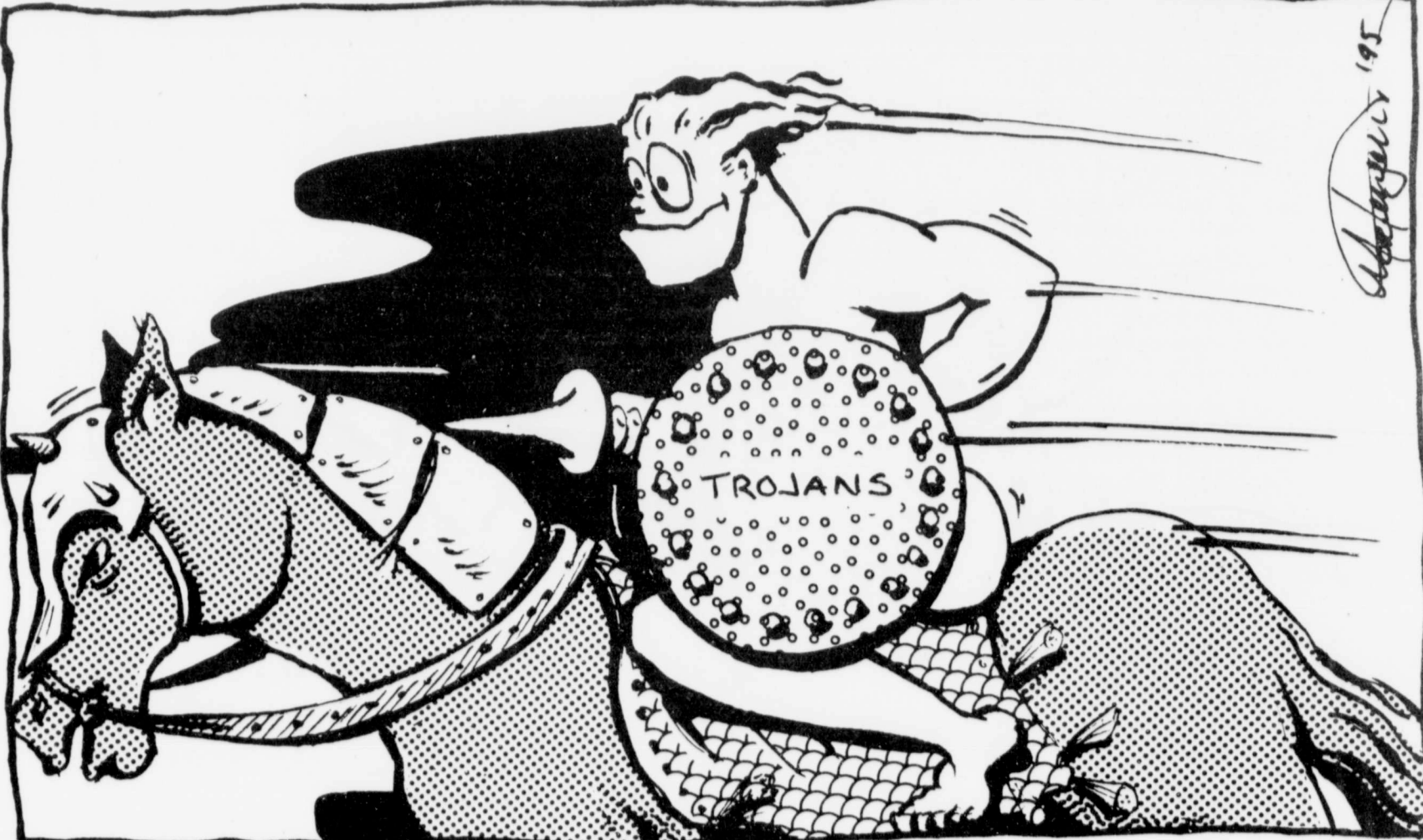
He began to feel like a sucker trapped in a game of ripoffs. Was he exaggerating his frustration? Perhaps. But the facts remain: He was paying approximately \$12,000 a year for 81 square feet of living space, marginally safe food, and the chance to fight for a collection of overcrowded, leftover classes.

Like Hunter S. Thompson once said, "buy the ticket, take the ride."

And what an expensive ride it was.

Matt Monpas is a journalism freshman.

COMMENTARY



Challenging the AIDS Problem

By Brian McElroy

This is not so much a reply as much as it is a release of anger concerning AIDS. After reading an article about World AIDS Day, I couldn't hold back from writing this reply. For my entire college career, and my high school years, I've consistently been presented with the facts of AIDS and its prevention. I still remember an AIDS awareness talk my freshman year in high school that revealed abstinence as the best way of preventing AIDS.

What troubles me now is that most articles, presentations and television shows put aside abstinence and always make protection (usually in the form of latex condoms) the number-one prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. To me, this is only scraping at the surface of the problem. I find this to be the major problem of society.

You see, I do not believe there is an AIDS problem. I believe there shouldn't be AIDS funding. I find it ridiculous to even have a thing called World AIDS Day. I am not lacking emotion for those who are dying of AIDS. In fact, I feel sorry for them that they (in most cases) contracted AIDS through actions which have become all too common in our society. The only way I see myself getting AIDS is through some freak accident with someone who has AIDS. I will not get it through drug use or sex. In my eyes, AIDS is a disease meant to wipe out several social ills—a major one being our society's views on sex.

Everywhere I look, everywhere I read and everywhere I listen, no one has the courage to tackle this problem. Parents think they can't control their children. Older generations think there's no way our generation could abstain from sex. I have abstained from sex, and it has been by choice rather than by circumstance.

I always hear about groups of young teenagers around the country pledging to abstain from sex until marriage. The public's response is usually, "That's great, but I

doubt they can do it." This attitude makes me sick. It's the attitude of those who are not willing to put out a positive word. It's an attitude that shelters the existence of problems such as AIDS, drug use, and even violence and crime.

My opinion is often attacked by those who say that there is no way people are going to stop having sex. I'm not trying to get people to stop having sex. I don't care about their choices. I'm just trying to give a positive message to those who choose to abstain. I'm trying to console younger generations who are caught up in this whirlwind of problems. I'm sure they are all as sick as I am of hearing how it's nearly impossible to wait it out.

Then, there are those that say they use protection. The day I have sex, I will enjoy it to its fullest, both physically and emotionally. There will be no condom on me, and no worry of diseases because my wife will be a virgin as I shall be.

Many think that a frivolous lifestyle is fine as long as technology and medicine may save them. I will not say that there will never be a cure for AIDS, and I will not say that these people are wrong for believing what they do; but I will not deny those few who have chosen an alternative path in life—a lifestyle just as acceptable, if not more acceptable, as that chosen by the majority.

To those who don't believe this, I'm sorry to say that AIDS will one day take its toll on you—whether its you, your children, or your grandchildren. You cannot be careful with a disease like this. Unless you try to eradicate the problem altogether, you're digging your own grave, whether it be with a shovel or a teaspoon.

Brian McElroy is a political science junior.

LETTERS

Cal Poly Welcomes Minorities

re: "Cal Poly Needs More Minorities," Jan. 5

I must take exception to Victor Glover's labeling of the majority of Cal Poly students as "over-privileged Stanford rejects," simply because of the color of their skin. No, Cal Poly is not a private school hideaway, but it is considered to be the single most prestigious college in the California State University system. It consistently ranks at or near the top of western schools in nearly every category. Cal Poly has achieved this kind of prestige by making its admission competitive and not by simply accepting every applicant who meets the bare minimum CSU admission standards. This has absolutely nothing to do with the race of the student.

There may be reasons for a perceived lack of minority students other than the standard fallback of racism. Cal Poly reserves a high percentage of its admission slots for students who improve the representation of "under-represented" racial and geographical segments of the population. I believe admission to college should be based solely on the qualifications of each individual student with absolutely no regard to race.

What you seem to be doing is judging the majority of the students of Cal Poly by the color of their skin. If a minority student feels uncomfortable coming to Cal Poly simply because the majority of students have light skin, then he is also guilty of racial prejudice. I thought racial prejudice was something we wanted to do away with!

In addition, you seem to think that a minority student

and a white student cannot be anything alike, again, just because of the color of their skin ("...who wants to go to a university where there are no others like themselves?"). I say Cal Poly is already welcoming minority students with open arms.

Now, let's stop worrying so much about what color the students of Cal Poly happen to be and start concerning ourselves with what really matters. It may be a quite overused cliché, but it really is true that it's what's on the inside that counts.

Kenneth Long, Jr.
Political science freshman

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Scientists explain mysterious corpse fumes that sickened, puzzled hospital workers

Associated Press

LIVERMORE — It was the presence of an odd chemical — and the insistence of one victim — that led Lawrence Livermore researchers to conclude dangerous fumes felled hospital workers in Riverside last year.

In November the Riverside County coroner's office released its controversial theory that a chemical reaction may have caused Glorinda Ramirez's body to emit poison gas similar to that used in chemical warfare.

Not all agree.

State investigators still blame "mass hysteria" for the ailments that struck Riverside General Hospital employees who came in contact with Ramirez, a dying cancer patient, last February.

But one of those affected, Maureen Welch, refused to accept that verdict. And it was because of her urging that Lawrence Livermore Laboratory took its second look at chemical clues.

For her, their latest theory has been a godsend.

"It doesn't mean there's an answer. It means I'm able to deal with it," she said. "Now I can look at myself in the mirror and say 'Maureen ... you are not psychotic.'"

Welch and five co-workers were hospitalized the night of

the incident — she for eight days. A stricken doctor spent two weeks in intensive care.

But every investigation into the case drew a blank, including a battery of tests done in March by Lawrence Livermore that found no trace of poisons, pesticides or other toxic chemicals in Ramirez's tissues.

Six months later, still plagued by symptoms and frustrated when experts said the incident was nothing more than hysteria, Welch mailed off a 750-page packet of reports, interviews, scientific articles and news clippings she had compiled about the bizarre, and by-then famous incident.

Until she contacted them in August, lab scientists had treated the Ramirez case as a challenge for their instruments, not a mystery.

"I was looking for the toxic bullet," said Brian Andresen, a lanky, workaholic chemist who heads the lab's Forensic Science Center.

"If something didn't jump out right away, I was ready to move on to other things," he said. "If (Welch) hadn't sent that packet, we'd still be sitting here."

When the lab team examined the tissue samples in March, Andresen had noted only one unusual presence — a compound called dimethyl sulfone, or DMSO2.

While sulfone is unusual, it's not toxic, he said.

The compound could show up in someone's blood if they rubbed on a commonly used solvent, called dimethyl sulfoxide, or DMSO, as a home cure, or ate an exceptionally protein-rich diet.

"I was curious, but I wasn't alarmed," he said.

But when Welch's packet arrived, it kindled a new spark of interest in DMSO in nuclear chemist Pat Grant.

Grant looked up the sulfone in a "chemical bible" called The Merck Index.

There he found a clue he couldn't resist.

Flanking the entry for sulfone were descriptions of chemicals in

the same family — not only DMSO2, but a deadly, chemical-warfare agent, called dimethyl sulfate, or DMSO4.

The reference book also included symptoms of exposure to the sulfate gas.

"It looked like a lot of what Riverside people had suffered was a direct lock with DMSO4 symptoms," Grant said.

Only a smidgen of DMSO4 — thousandths of an ounce — would have been enough to cause the fainting, nausea and other symptoms that raced through the emergency room staff that night, they said.

"It doesn't mean there's an answer. It means I'm able to deal with it. Now I can look at myself in the mirror and say 'Maureen ... you are not psychotic.'"

**Maureen Welch
Hospital worker affected
by fumes**

What hooked Grant were indications in the data from Welch that Ramirez might have used DMSO, a contention Ramirez's family denies.

The cancer patient had a garlicky odor on her breath and an oily sheen on her skin — both possible signs of DMSO use.

A sick person might have used DMSO for many reasons — the foremost being DMSO's popularity as an unofficial remedy for pain and inflammation.

A ready test for the theory was whether it could explain white crystals reportedly seen in the syringe of Ramirez's blood.

The lab chemists rigged up a simple experiment, and their theory passed the it handily — cooling a test tube of a sulfone-saturated blood substitute generated gobs of crystals.

Asian trip will be major test of Pope's stamina

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — History's most traveled pope, recently slowed down by illness and infirmity, is hitting the road again.

The 11-day Asian tour beginning Wednesday will be a major test of Pope John Paul II's stamina and of his slow-healing right leg, broken in a fall in April that caused him to cancel a U.S. visit in October.

But the pope seems especially intent on keeping his appointment with young people in the Philippines, Asia's most Catholic nation, and showing the papal flag in the church's outposts in Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka.

Indeed, the 74-year-old pontiff aims to lead the world's 950 million Roman Catholics into the next century, although his health is clearly on his mind.

"They say I'm getting older and not able to walk without a cane. But somehow, I keep on going," he told pilgrims from his native Poland last week. "To anyone who cares about these things in Poland, tell them this pope isn't doing so badly."

John Paul underwent surgery in July 1992 for what the Vatican said was a benign colon tumor. He dislocated his right shoulder when he fell before a Vatican audience in November 1993 and broke the leg in a fall in his bathroom.

He looked particularly frail

during his last foreign trip, to Croatia Sept. 10-11, and was unable to bend down and kiss the ground when getting off the plane, a custom reserved for his first visits to a country.

On this trip, described by the pope as "bridge-building toward the new generations of Asia," only Sri Lanka is a first for him. He visited the Philippines in 1981, Papua New Guinea in 1984, and Australia in 1986.

The trip takes him across 20,000 miles, starting with a 14-hour flight to Manila, the longest non-stop flight of any of his 62 previous foreign tours.

While the program has been trimmed and includes no evening events, he is still scheduled to deliver 30 speeches.

The Vatican denies he has a serious ailment, but the grueling trip in itself will test whether John Paul can keep up his projected travels in 1995.

Vatican planners are looking into as many as a half-dozen visits, but only a trip to U.N. headquarters in New York in November is confirmed, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro.

He may have to mend some fences in Sri Lanka, which is 70 percent Buddhist with a tiny Catholic minority. Top Buddhist priests said they were offended by his critique of the Buddhist doctrine of salvation in the pope's recently published book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope."

Environmentalists fear Republican Congress won't be thinking green

By H. Josef Herbert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club, at the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Audubon Society, they're expecting a battle.

They're worried about Republicans arriving on Capitol Hill with their Contract With America, a pro-business tilt and a determination to rein in government regulators.

By most accounts, the 104th Congress that convened last week will be dramatically less inclined to think green than its recent Democratic predecessors. And environmentalists fear that decades of environmental protection may be blown away.

"We're looking at a potential rollback of every major pollution law in the books," said Gene Karpinski, executive director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, which focuses on a broad range of environmental issues.

GOP lawmakers say they're merely trying to bridle the federal government's zeal to manage people's lives and businesses. They argue that too often the cost of environmental protection is not adequately measured against the risks.

If the Environmental Protection Agency is not closed, "at least put a snaffle bit on them and ride that pony down," Rep. Richard Armey said recently. "They're out of control."

Such rhetoric isn't new for the Texas Republican, but now people are listening. After 40 years of Democratic rule, Republicans are in charge, and Armey, as majority leader, is No. 2 in the House hierarchy.

Environmentalists labeled the last Congress the worst for environmental protection since the original Earth Day in 1970. But now the 103rd Congress doesn't seem so bad, they say. Much of

the legislation it left stranded — often by GOP filibusters — is likely to re-emerge, but with a more pro-business, anti-regulatory tone, lawmakers and lobbyists agree.

Some examples:

— A revised Superfund toxic waste cleanup bill, which almost passed last year, may now let businesses that polluted before 1980 off the hook, something the Clinton administration has strongly opposed.

— New drinking water legislation will probably be approved, but with fewer regulatory controls than a bill considered only a few months ago.

— The law controlling pollution of rivers and lakes probably will re-emerge, but this time contain weaker protections for wetlands.

— A push is expected to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, and lawmakers may also try to ease drilling restrictions in U.S. coastal waters.

But before even a single specific environmental issue is debated, there will be the GOP's Contract With America — a string of bills that House Speaker Newt Gingrich has pledged to bring to votes in the first 100 days.

While never mentioning the environment, the provisions amount to "a stealth strategy to get at environmental regulations through the back door," says John Echeveria, legal counsel for the National Audubon Society.

For example, a requirement to compensate land owners if a government action reduces property values and cumbersome cost vs. benefit and risk reviews could hamstring environmental regulations and their enforcement, critics fear.

GROUP

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serious," he explained.

While some students were indifferent toward the Men's Awareness Group, most reacted positively to the idea of forming a group for men.

"It might be necessary (and) it should be available," said construction management senior Jose Saldana.

Architecture junior Samantha Le agreed.

"Women always have these groups," she said. "The group (is) a great idea."

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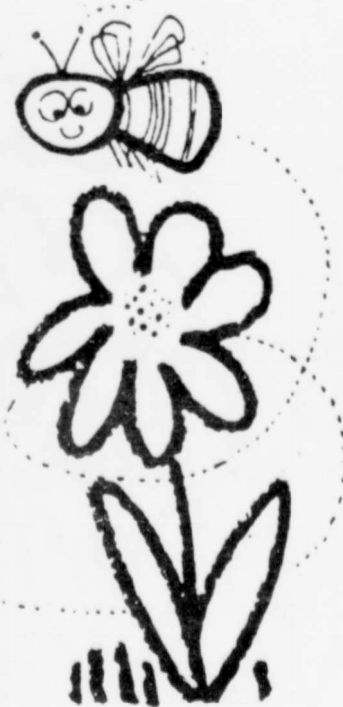


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49ers and Cowboys to face off in NFC championship rematch

Emmitt Smith reinjures hamstring against Packers, 'won't be well' for Sunday's game, Dallas Head Coach Barry Switzer says

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — No surprise. It's the defending champion Dallas Cowboys against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC title game for the third consecutive year — just like everyone predicted in August.

The uncertainty is how healthy Emmitt Smith will be for that game after reinjuring his left hamstring and missing most of the Cowboys' 35-9 playoff victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

"There's no question Emmitt won't be well by next Sunday," Dallas trainer Kevin O'Neill said. "He had three weeks to get ready for this game and he wasn't well. He's got a chance. But I won't have a good handle on what degree of pull he has until tomorrow. We'll see if there is any swelling."

The Cowboys, despite the absence of Smith, gave rookie coach Barry Switzer his first playoff triumph behind the pinpoint passing of Troy Aikman, who completed 23 of 30 passes for a club playoff record 337 yards and two touchdowns.

Smith, who scored the Cowboys' first touchdown, injured the hamstring late in the first quarter and did not return. Smith, though, said he'll play against the 49ers.

"It didn't feel as bad as it did when I hurt it in New Orleans. That's a good sign. I felt a twinge. I feel very good about my chances," he said.

Switzer told Smith after the game: "You've got all damn year to rest that thing" and added "if we win this one we'll win the Super Bowl."

Later Switzer changed his tune, saying "why would anyone expect him to play this week

when he had three weeks of rest last time and didn't last more than a quarter?"

Smith, who had 44 yards on seven carries, went to Valley Ranch for treatment after the game.

The Cowboys, 12-4 during the regular season, play at San Francisco. The 49ers beat the Chicago Bears 44-15 in the other NFC divisional playoff game on Saturday.

Dallas, a 21-14 loser to the 49ers earlier in the season, is trying to become the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls and become the first franchise to win five. Pittsburgh, Miami, San Francisco, Green Bay, and Pittsburgh all have won two consecutive Super Bowls.

Switzer said he has now seen the difference between regular season and playoff games.

"I asked 'em to show me and they did," Switzer said. "There is a difference between the two seasons and I got to experience it today. It's the best we played all year on offense and defense. It was Troy's best game since the opener against Pittsburgh."

Aikman, 7-0 in playoff games he has started, had only one touchdown pass in his last five games. But he was on target Sunday, setting a playoff record with a 94-yard hookup with Alvin Harper.

"We can talk about San Francisco now," Aikman said. "It's going to be a fun week. This is what we play for. I hope nothing changes from the last two years."

Dallas defeated the 49ers 38-21 last year in Texas Stadium and 30-20 two years ago in Candlestick with Jimmy Johnson as coach. The 49ers were early seven-point favorites for Sunday's NFC title game.

George Seifert was one of many figuring the NFC title game would come down to a third straight matchup between the Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers. Soon after finishing a Sunday jog, he found out he was right.

"I'm sure nobody is surprised by it," the 49ers coach said after the Cowboys routed Green Bay 35-9 to join San Francisco in next Sunday's conference championship game.

"This is the way it should be," Seifert said. "I mean, everybody kind of said from the beginning these were the two best teams, in the NFC certainly. And so now we're meeting to find out."

WRESTLING: Poly pinned by Ducks, Sooners

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zone (3-2, 3-2) lost to Javier Posa. Saturday, Cal Poly fell to Oregon 20-17 extending their losing streak to three straight losses.

Oregon junior Nathan Sullivan topped Cal Poly sophomore Scott Adams 5-2 in the heavyweight contest to give the Ducks (2-3) their second win of the season.

Tied at 17, Cal Poly coach Lennis Cowell opted to use Adams, who had yet to wrestle in the heavyweight class this season, in the contest-deciding match. Cowell said he felt Adams' quickness made for a better matchup against Sullivan.

Oregon junior Kevin Roberts, freshman Jeremy Ensrud, junior Blake Tompkins and senior Cory Sonnen won the first four matches giving the Ducks a 14-0 lead. But Cal Poly senior Tim Cano outwrestled 11th-ranked sophomore Scott Norton 6-5 at the 150-pound class to give the

"... I think we should have won the match."

Lennis Cowell
Cal Poly wrestling coach

Mustangs three points.

In the 158-pound weight class, Mustang senior Clark Conover pinned Oregon's Peter Stayner at 4:27 to get the Mustangs back within striking distance at 9-14.

In the 167-pound weight class, Cal Poly senior Neal Mason followed with a 14-6 major decision to close the Oregon lead to 1. The teams split the next two matches, with Cal Poly's Dan Lashley getting a major decision in the 190-pound weight class to tie the match at 17 heading into the heavyweight contest.

Cal Poly will try to end their skid when they host New Mexico Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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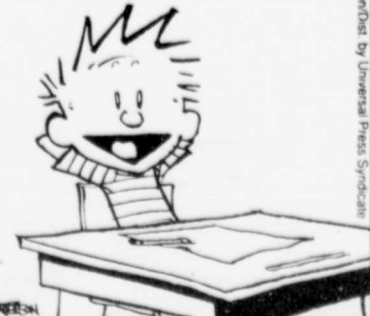
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Fresno State defeats Mustang women, 60-40

By Rodney de la Cruz
Daily Staff Writer

Although the Cal Poly women's basketball team came out with a strong first half Thursday, a disappointing second half allowed the Fresno State Bulldogs to leave Mott Gym with a 60-40 victory.

Cal Poly took an early 10-1 lead with the help of two three-pointers by senior guard Christine Rodness in the first half. Down by only six at the half, unforced errors and an injury to No. 2 scorer Kelly Hoffman led to the Mustangs' 11th loss in 14 games.

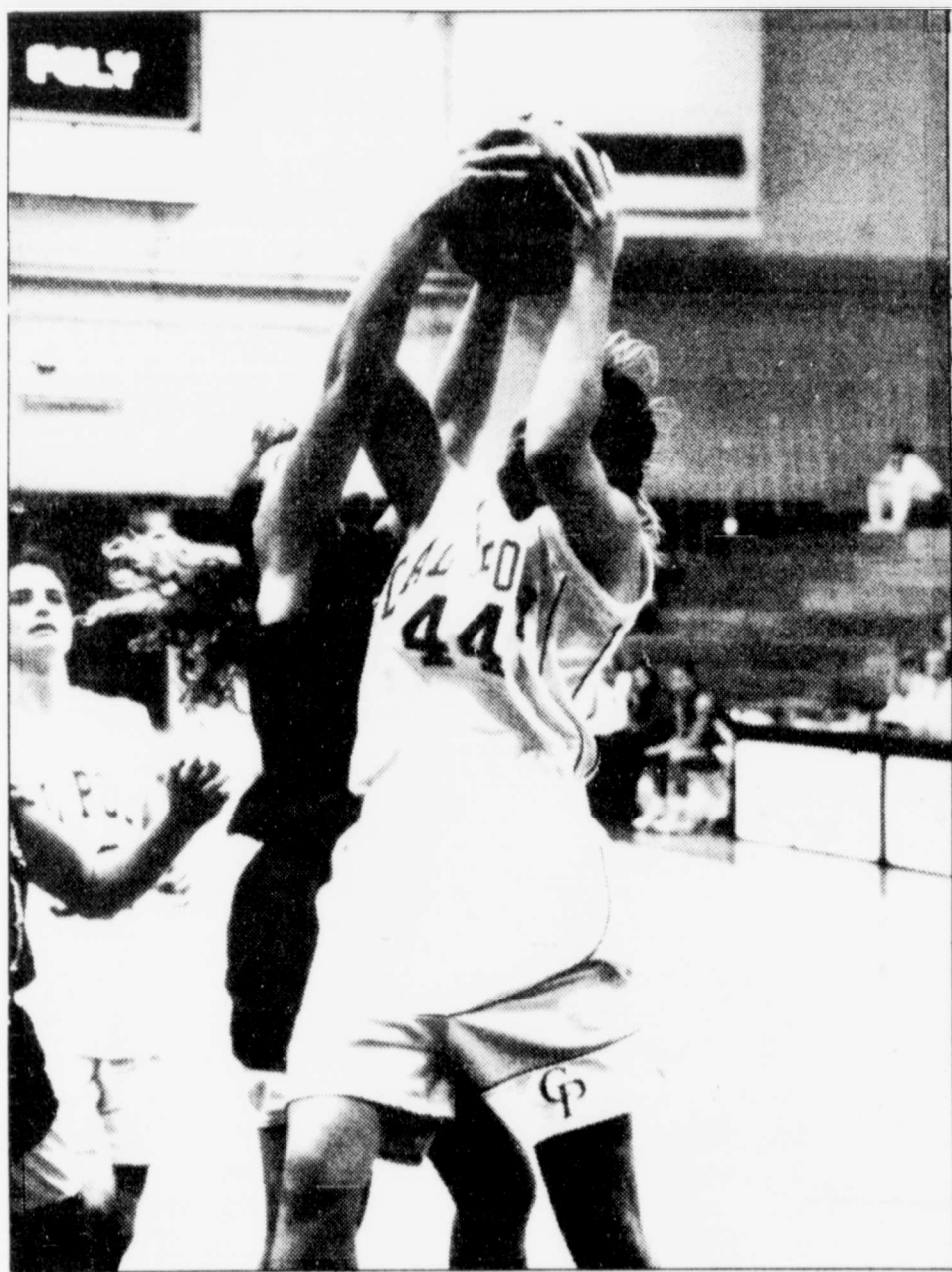
Cal Poly Coach Jill Orrock said she felt her squad put out a good performance despite having only eight players available.

"I have nothing but pride for this group tonight — to enter the game they played overmatched," Orrock said.

The Mustangs have lost six players to either injuries or ineligibility.

"Having three subs on the bench versus six or seven to our opponents makes a big difference," Orrock said. "We kept it real close. It could have been worse to finish the game with seven kids all pretty winded."

Fresno State went on an 11-2 run early in the second half, jumping to a 55-40 lead. With eight minutes left, Kelly Hoffman, second in team scoring, twisted her ankle and missed the remainder of the game.



Sophomore forward Katie Bauer struggles with a Fresno State opponent for the ball in Thursday's 80-60 loss / Daily photo by Robert T. Bendz

The Mustangs were able to cut the lead to 13 with six minutes left, but the Bulldogs held their lead.

"We just let it get away from us," said senior forward Susan Carey, the American West Conference's player of the week.

She pulled in 10 rebounds and 14 points. "We just ran out of gas."

The Mustangs out rebounded Fresno State 47-32, but a 25-7 turnover margin in favor of the Bulldogs offset their edge.

"There were some positives and negatives but we lost,"

Carey said. "I don't think they were expecting us to play like we did."

Orrock said they were hoping to keep it close in hopes of squeezing out the win in the end, but the second-half run diminished those hopes.

"We smelled victory," Orrock said. "It was real close. You can smell it, then all of a sudden have someone extend it to 15 to 20 points. It's very disheartening, and that's what we've seen on a few of these occasions."

Prior to the game, Fresno State won its last four in a row and its last six games out of seven. Five of those wins have been on the road, including two against Pac-10 teams in Arizona and California.

Fresno State's junior guard Staci Oddo led all scorers with 18 points and three rebounds.

Rodness had 12 points and junior guard Kellie Hoffman had 10 for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs hosted University of San Diego last night but results were unavailable at press time.

Mustangs suffer off-court losses

Daily Staff Report

Adding to the men's basketball team's woes is the loss of sophomore Shanta Cotright and freshman Enoch Dix, who were ruled academically ineligible by the NCAA, Athletics Director John McCutcheon announced Friday.

Cotright, the 6-foot-2-inch starting point guard last year, played in 25 games and averaged 11.8 points per game. He has not played at all this year.

Dix, the 6-foot-2-inch guard, started four games and was averaging 4.5 points per game.

Cal Poly made an appeal to the NCAA in November over classes Cotright took at a community college during the summer. The classes were not transferable and the NCAA denied the appeal.

On the women's side, freshman Angela Holt was ruled academically ineligible. Holt, a 6-foot-1-inch forward,

played in 10 games this season, averaging 3.2 points per game and 3.3 rebounds per game.

The loss of Cotright and Dix leaves men's basketball coach Steve Beason with 12 players. Senior Leo Williams was declared ineligible prior to the season and junior David Sternlight, who transferred from University of New Mexico, left the team following the Dec. 10 Stanford game.

Mustangs suffer heart-breaking loss, dropping second straight to Portland

Cal Poly blows lead in the final minute to remain winless

By Garrett M. Mettler
Daily Staff Writer

Saturday's game against Portland had all the makings of Cal Poly's long awaited first Division I win.

The only thing lacking was the experience to put the game on ice.

At the final buzzer the University of Portland Pilots had scored seven unanswered points to capture a narrow 73-71 victory.

Mustangs Coach Steve Beason summed up the final result by explaining that the team had not yet faced a close game like Saturday's.

"We haven't been in that position before," Beason said. "But we know we're getting better."

The closest previous margin of defeat for the Mustangs this season was 16 points against the University of San Diego on Nov. 30.

Portland grabbed an early 4-0 lead, creating an uneasy mood among the 1,423 fans hoping that this midseason contest would turn things around for the winless Mustangs.

But after that it was all Cal Poly. The Mustangs took the lead on a five-minute, eight-point scoring run unanswered by the Pilots.

It was a lead they would keep until the final 30 seconds of the game.

Cal Poly continued to dominate the first half, shooting 62.5 percent from the field to the Pilots' 56.5 percent. Senior guard David Dineen had the hot hand,

making six of seven shots including three three-pointers.

But Portland stayed close by out-rebounding the Mustangs 12-10 and taking advantage of 13 Cal Poly turnovers.

By halftime Cal Poly had worked itself into a position it had only managed one other time this season — the team was leading. The Mustangs held a 39-33 lead over a team which had soundly defeated them 82-43 last month in Portland.

"I don't think it's so much that we were overconfident," said Portland coach Rob Chavez, "it's just a lot tougher playing a team on their home court."

Portland opened the second half with more energy but, unlike in past performances, Cal Poly was able to step up its intensity to match the Pilots' offensive surge.

Play was back and forth during the first ten minutes of the second half before the Pilots committed four consecutive turnovers, allowing Cal Poly to build a 10-point lead, 60-50, with 8:01 left to play.

Cal Poly's defense tightened up, applying full court pressure to the Pilots. But their efforts came up short as Portland battled to within five, 71-66, with 54 seconds remaining.

Cal Poly's lack of close-game experience became apparent when the Mustangs allowed a critical three-point field goal which brought Portland within two.

On the ensuing inbound pass, junior forward Brian Stewart lobbed the ball out of bounds,

giving Portland possession with 34 seconds left.

After Portland tied the score on two free throws, senior forward Bucky Tucker missed a lay up with 10 seconds left which would have given Cal Poly the lead.

Portland made two more free throws to take the lead for the first time since the game's opening minutes.

Cal Poly racked up 15 fouls in the second half alone.

Sophomore forward Damien Levesque acknowledged the team's lack of experience was a factor in the loss.

"There was a certain aspect of it that was mental," Levesque said. "Coach told us to keep doing what we had been doing to get (to that point), but you can't help being a little nervous."

Although the last-minute loss was disappointing for the Mustangs, who had given their best effort of the season, Coach Beason was upbeat.

"We are definitely going to learn from this experience," Beason said. "This is a big step forward."

Senior guard David Dineen, who scored a career high 17 points, concurred.

"This was definitely the most disappointing loss for us," Dineen said. "But we have to keep working hard after this because now we know we can win."

Wrestling team loses two straight; extends losing streak to three matches

By Nathan Abler
Daily Staff Writer

Following the Mustangs' second consecutive loss to a Big Eight team Friday with a defeat to seventh-ranked Oklahoma, the Cal Poly wrestling team fell to Pac-10 foe Oregon, 20-17 Saturday.

The Mustangs were hoping to rebound against the Sooners after losing to eighth-ranked Nebraska last month. But instead Cal Poly dropped the first match of its weekend showdown at Mott Gym.

"I'm disappointed because I think we should have won the match," Coach Lennis Cowell said of the Oklahoma defeat. "The kids wrestled their heart out and we lost two crucial matches."

The matches Cowell referred to were Cal Poly sophomore Tyson Rondeau's loss to Oklahoma's Justin Breeden in the 118-pound weight class and Cal Poly freshman Aaron Rodriguez's (0-1, 0-1) loss to Oklahoma's John Krause in sudden death in the 142-pound weight class.

Rondeau (7-3, 1-2 in duals) started off the meet with one of the closest matches of the night.

"I thought I should've won, but I didn't," Rondeau said. "I got caught and I guess I'll just learn from that mistake."

One of the more decisive victories for the Mustangs was senior Clark Conover's (11-4, 5-1) pounding of Sooners' Mario Amador, in the 150-pound match. The win gave Cal Poly a one point lead.

"I'd love to get the pin, but I'd

take the win," Conover said. "(Coach Cowell) talked to us before the match, telling us we had a job to do."

After losing the first two matches, the Mustangs rallied to win four of the next five matches, taking a 14-10 lead. Oklahoma won the last three matches and Cal Poly was still in it until the last match, similar to the Dec. 17 Nebraska meet, in which they lost 24-15.

In the 126-pound class, Mustangs' sophomore Gail Miller (3-5, 0-2) lost to 11th-ranked Eric Ivins.

Mustangs' Freshman Bobby Bellamy (10-3, 5-1) won the 134-pound class over Oklahoma's John Johnson for the Mustang's first victory of the meet.

The first Cal Poly major decision came with Tim Cano (13-4, 5-1) trouncing Blue Perez in the 150-pound class. Cano had the advantage over Perez the entire match.

Cal Polys senior Neal Mason (12-2, 6-0) extended his unbeaten streak in dual matches with a win over Zach Randall in the 167-pound class.

Oklahoma's fourth-ranked Quincy Clark stayed undefeated by beating junior Dan Neisingh (3-4, 0-2) in the 177-pound class.

John Kading, Oklahoma's other nationally-ranked wrestler, sixth in the 190-pound class, beat senior Dan Lashley (8-6, 3-2) in a match that was close until the end.

Heading into the last match of the night, Cal Poly still had a chance of winning the meet. But Mustangs' freshman Sam Gen- See WRESTLING, page 7